

THE CHURCH the New Israel



THE CHURCH IS THE NEW ISRAEL

There is much confusion in our days about the relationship between the Christian church and the Jewish people. Many people believe that the Jews are still the chosen people of God. In order to understand this important topic, we will read some Scriptures that will help us understand that the church, made up of Jews and Gentiles, is the only and true people of God after Pentecost.

MATTHEW 21:33-45

Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit...

MATTHEW 21:33-45

... The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said...

MATTHEW 21:33-45

... But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.” So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

MATTHEW 21:33-45

...“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

MATTHEW 21:33-45

... Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit...

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them.”

JOHN 1:10-13

“He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, **but his own did not receive him.** Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - **children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.”**

ALL THE PROMISES MADE TO ISRAEL WERE FULFILLED IN JESUS CHRIST

“We tell you the Good News: What God promised our fathers, he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus...”

ACTS 13:32,33

FOR CHRISTIANS, CHRIST IS THE FULFILLMENT OF ALL THE PROMISES MADE TO THE ANCIENT PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

“The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say ‘and to seeds,’ meaning many people, but ‘and to your seed,’ meaning one person, who is Christ.”

GALATIANS 3:16

NOT ALL WHO DESCEND FROM ISRAEL ARE ISRAEL

“It is not as though God’s word had failed. **For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel.** Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham’s children...

ROMANS 9:6-8

CHRISTIANS ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE PROMISE

“On the contrary, ‘It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.’ In other words, **it is not the natural children who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring.**”

ROMANS 9:6-8

CHRISTIANS ARE NOW THE NEW ISRAEL

“Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule,
even to the Israel of God.”

GALATIANS 6:16

CHRISTIANS ARE NOW GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE

“But you are a **chosen people**, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light...

1 PETER 2:9,10

CHRISTIANS ARE NOW THE NEW PEOPLE OF GOD

“Once you were not a people, but **now you are the people of God**; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

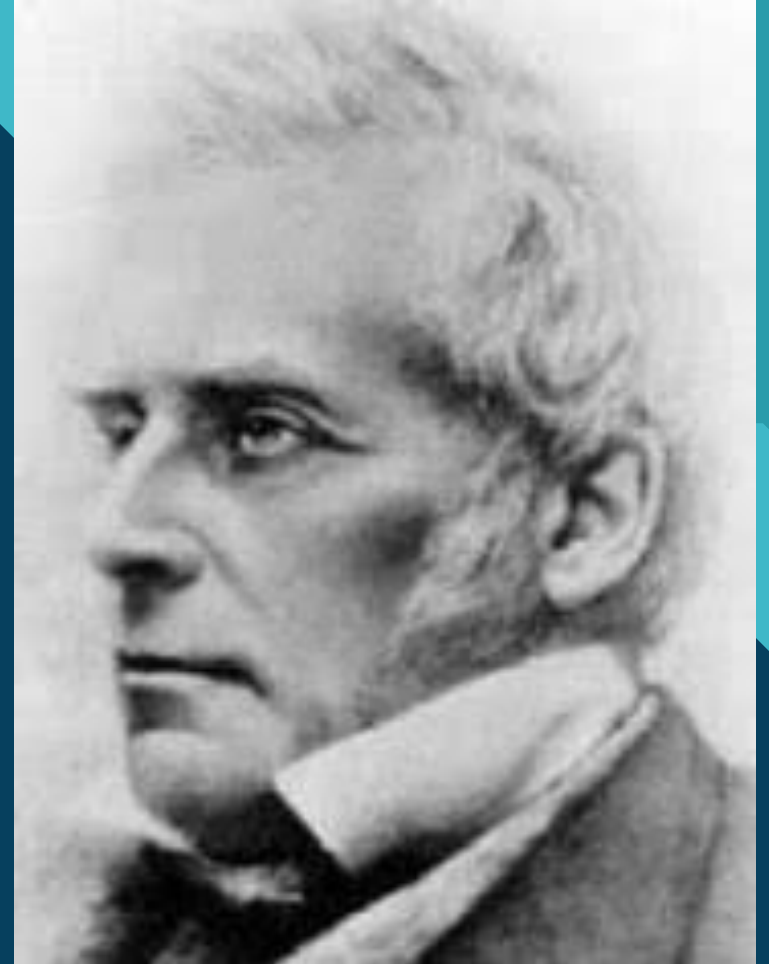
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Throughout the centuries,
Christians looked upon
themselves **as the new man or
new humanity, the new Israel**
that includes both Gentiles and
Jews in one body.
And all that applied to ancient
Israel, now applies to the
church.

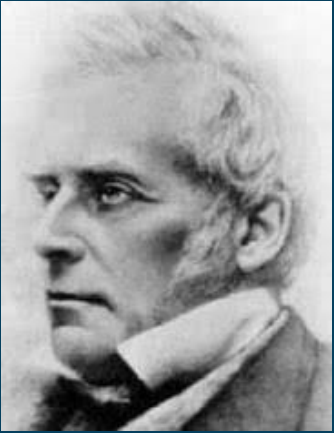
**Why then are there
Christians today who
believe that the Jews
continue to be God's
people?**

**THIS CHANGE OF
BELIEF BEGAN IN THE
XIX CENTURY (1830)**



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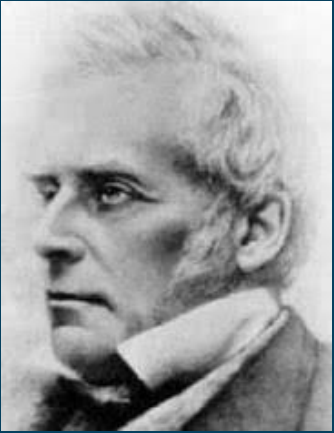
DISPENSATIONALISM



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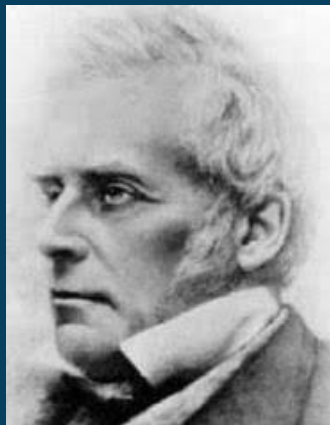
- This novel system of Bible interpretation was introduced by John Nelson Darby in 1830.
- Darby was born of Irish parents in London in 1800.
- He gained his education in Ireland and entered the legal profession, which he soon abandoned following a conversion experience.
- Without theological training, he was ordained a deacon in 1825 and one year later, a minister of the Church of England.

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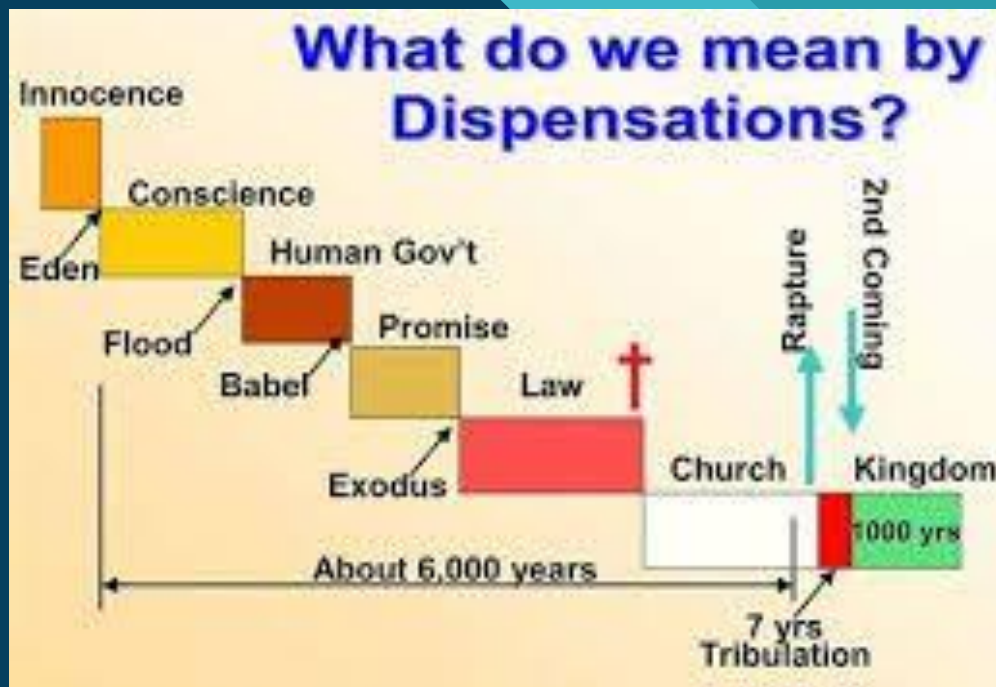


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- Disillusioned with the Church of England, he joined a group of believers which became known as the “Plymouth Brethren.”
- It was during this time, around 1830, that he developed his system of Bible interpretation known as “Dispensationalism,” which divided history into 7 dispensations and 7 covenants.
- In the 1870s, Darby traveled through the U.S. during a preaching tour in which he won over several key evangelical leaders to his ideas.

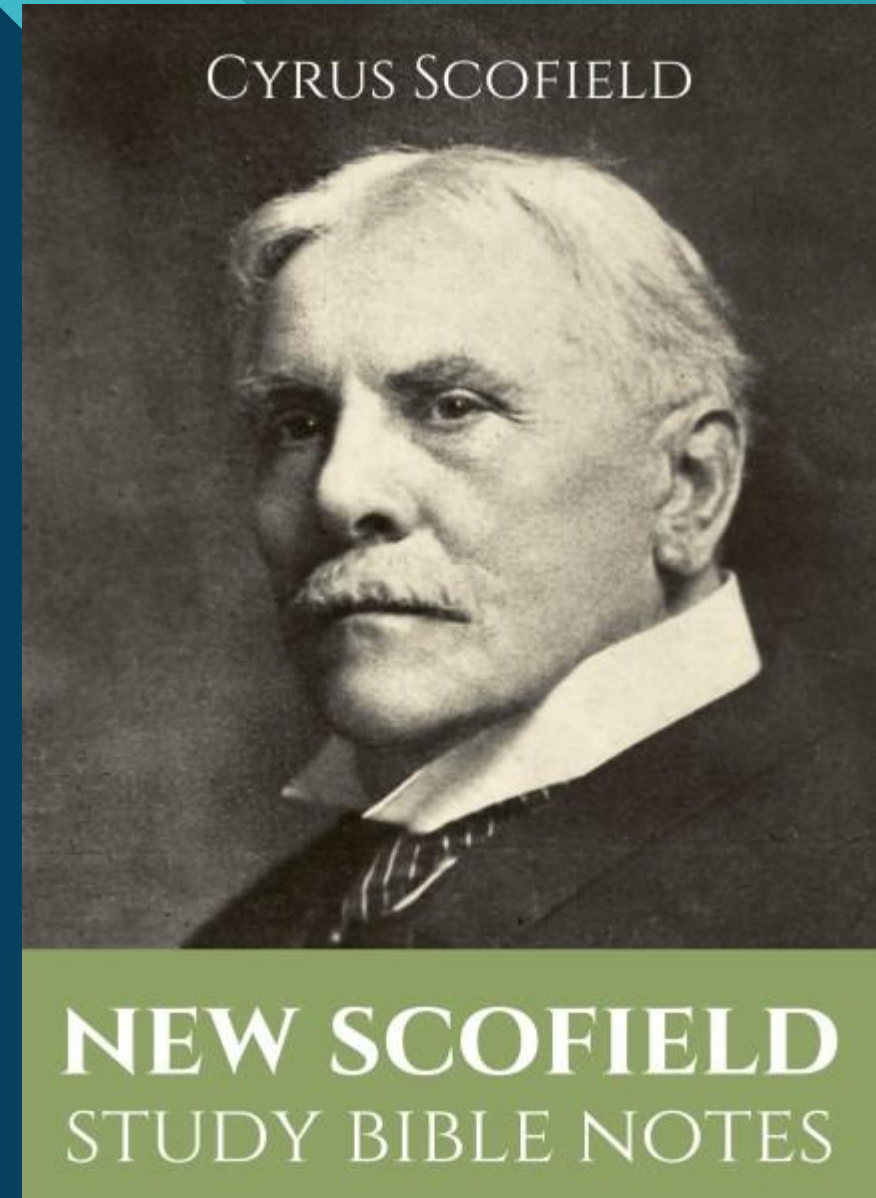


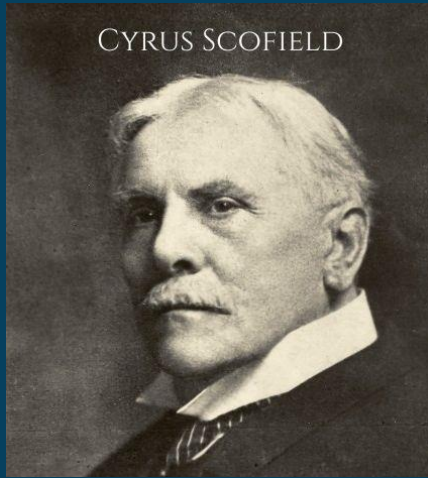
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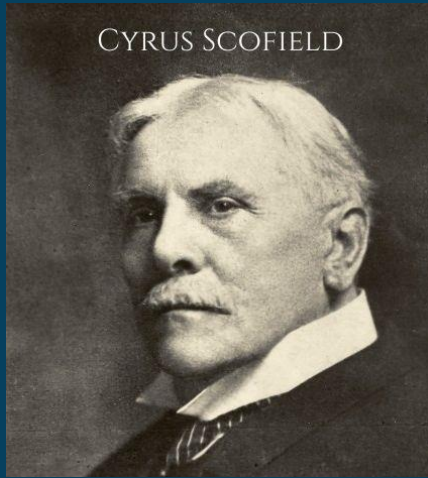
Among his novel teachings was the coming of Christ in two phases: a secret rapture and the second coming after 7 years. His more radical teaching was that God still had a plan for Israel - in addition to his plan for the church.

**DISPENSATIONALISM
SPREAD RAPIDLY
THANKS TO THE
SCOFIELD'S
REFERENCE BIBLE.**

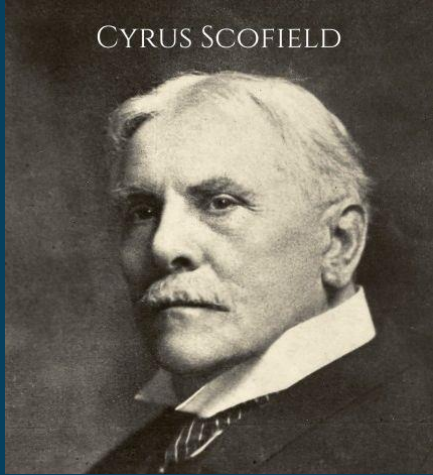




- Cyrus Ingerson Scofield was born in Michigan in 1843. He served in the Confederate army during the Civil War, after which he moved to St. Louis, where he married and became an attorney.
- In Kansas he served in the Kansas legislatura and worked as a U.S. attorney under the appointment of President Ulysses S. Grant.
- Forced to resign this office under accusations of stealing political contributions, his marriage fell apart, and after returning to St. Louis, he landed in jail for forgery.

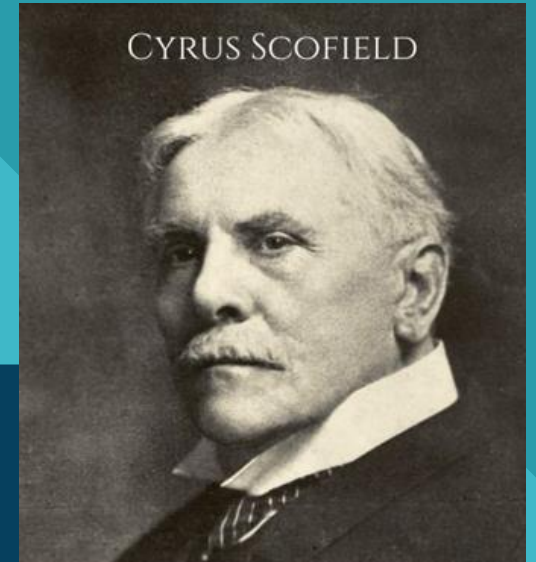


- In 1879, while in jail, he had a conversion experience that changed the course of his life.
- After his conversion, he remarried, and under the mentorship of prominent pastor James H. Brookes, became deeply immersed in dispensationalism and evangelical activism.
- Three years after his conversion, without any formal theological training, became the pastor of a small Congregational church in Dallas, Texas.
- In 1888 he published "*Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth*," where he explained Darby's dispensational system.



- In 1902, he began work on the *Scofield Bible*, which consisted of a set of chain references, headings, and a commentary, all prepared by Scofield himself, added to the King James version of the Bible.
- By recommendation of Samuel Untermyer, a Wall Street lawyer, the publisher of the Oxford University Press, expressed immediate interest in Scofield Project and in 1909 published *The Scofield Reference Bible*.
- This Bible soon became one of the most influential religious works of the XX century among Fundamentalist churches, especially in the U.S.

- At first, this Bible was used mostly in Bible schools, established for the purpose of teaching dispensationalism.
- It was only after the publication of the second edition of *The Scofield Reference Bible* in 1917, and its adoption by the *Dallas Theological Seminary*, that the dispensationalist method of Bible study became dogma in many evangelical churches, to this day.



According to Dispensationalism, Israel is still God's people and through a convoluted interpretation of the book of Revelation, it is claimed that during the Tribulation 144,000 Jews will be converted and the rest of the Jews will be destroyed at Armageddon. And then the end will come.

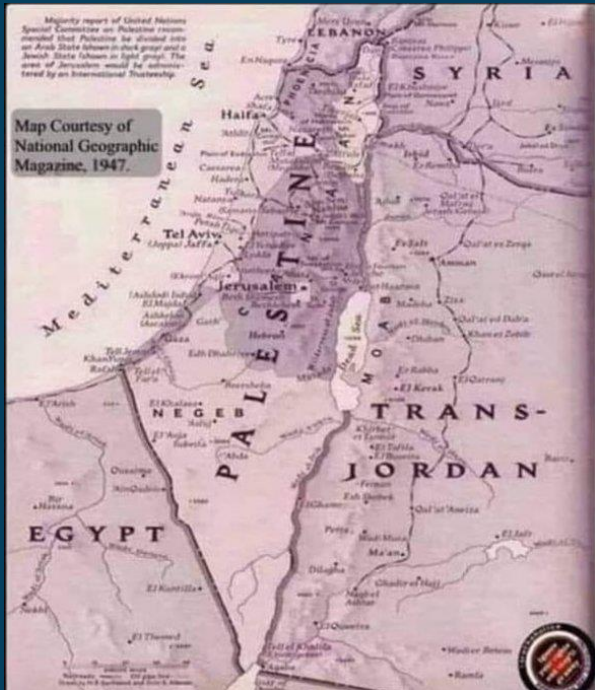
THE STATE OF ISRAEL



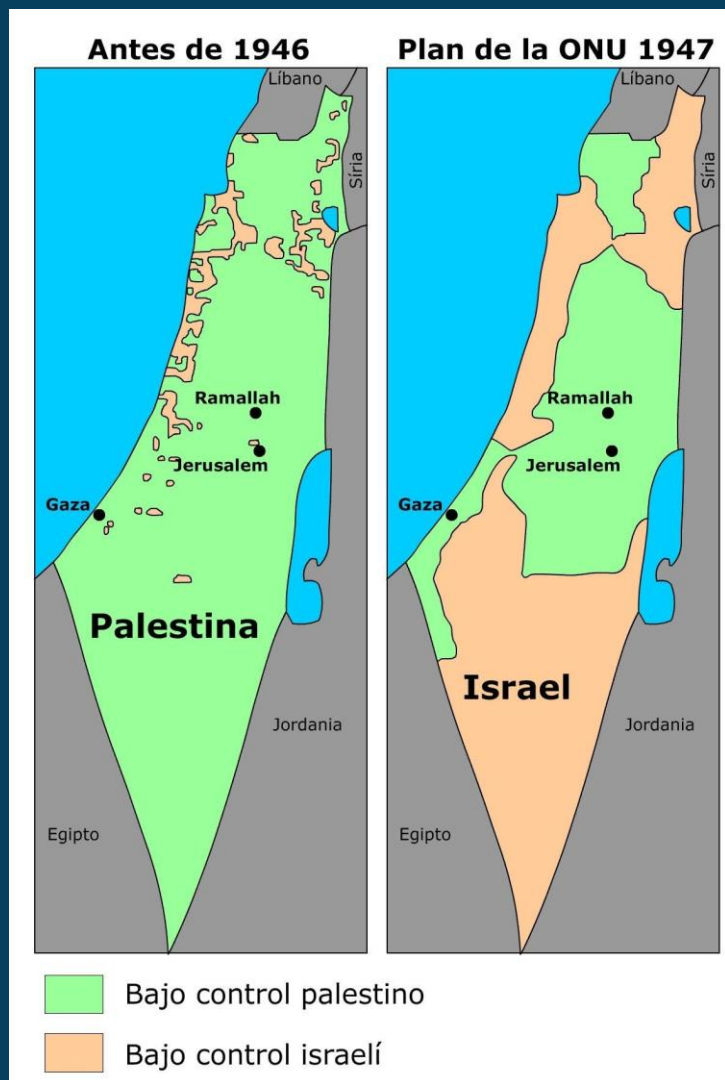
Theodor Herzl
(1860-1904)

- The idea of creating a state for the Jews came from Theodor Herzl, a journalist, lawyer and writer Hungarian Jew. He was the father of the modern Jewish movement known as *Zionism*.
- The Jews had been persecuted for centuries, especially by Christians who blamed them for Christ's death.
- He promoted Jewish emigration to Palestine in an effort to form a Jewish state.

- Palestine had been under the rule of the Ottoman Empire for many centuries. Muslims, Christians and Jews lived together there.
- With the fall of the Ottoman Empire and its dissolution between 1918-1922, Palestine came under the control of Great Britain.
- In 1917 the British government had issued the “Balfour Declaration” in which it announced its support for the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine.
- In the years that followed, thousands of Jews emigrated to Palestine.



- After the ordeal that the Jews suffered at the hands of the Nazis, known as the “Holocaust,” other countries supported the idea of creating a state for Jews in Palestine.
- As a consequence, the **State of Israel** was created in 1948 by decision of the United Nations.
- This was applauded by evangelicals who believed it was fulfillment of Bible prophecies.



- The problem was that the State of Israel was created without taking into account the population that already existed in Palestine of about 700 thousand inhabitants, most of them Muslims but also including Jews and Christians.
- Those native inhabitants or Palestinians opposed this arrangement from the beginning and offered resistance against the new state imposed on them.

- The new Zionist colonizers possessed money and weapons, and had the support of world powers such as Great Britain, the United States, and other European countries. Thus they began to evict Palestinians from their lands and cities.
- This is how little by little the new State of Israel, through the immigration of thousands of Jews from other countries, occupied the territory that for centuries had belonged to the Palestinians.

Palestinian loss of land 1946 to 2000

Palestinian and Jewish land 1946

UN Partition plan 1947

1949 - 1967

2000



- This occupation of territories belonging to the Palestinians and their eviction from their homes and properties resulted in the displacement of thousands and has been the cause of violence and hatred between those two peoples.
- The movements resisting the occupation have been branded by the Israeli government as “terrorists.” This way it justifies its severe reprisals and massacres against the Palestinians every time they rebel.



- Palestinians today live in two areas known as the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
- They have no say in the government of Israel and are controlled in all areas of their lives.
- They lack the privileges and rights enjoyed by Israelis and live under an apartheid regime.
- Most Israelis do not consider the Palestinians equal to them as human beings and enjoy when they are mistreated.

- What happened on October 7th was tragic and regrettable, but what has been happening in Gaza since then is even more vicious and condemnable.
- So far the Israeli army has ruthlessly attacked Gaza, destroying schools, mosques, churches, buildings, houses, and killing about 40 thousand people, 80% of whom have been children, women, and the elderly, and millions have been displaced.









- The Zionist State of Israel has nothing to do with the Bible or Bible prophecies. It is a state created and imposed by force on a territory that was already populated.
- All the promises made in the Old Testament to “ancient Israel” were fulfilled in Christ and have no future application.

“We tell you the Good News: What God promised our fathers, he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus...”

ACTS 13:32,33

What should be our reaction to this tragic reality as Christians?

- As Christians, we cannot justify the massacre and extermination of an entire population with the excuse that “Israel has the right to defend itself.”
- The question we must all ask ourselves is, What would Jesus do in the face of all these atrocities committed by the Jewish state that has caused so much violence, destruction, suffering and death?
- As God’s people we must not be silent when we see these injustices and crimes committed against so many innocent people.

Our duty is to pray for peace, but also to do everything in our power to denounce injustices and crimes committed against innocent people.

We must also pray that God will change the hearts of world leaders who have the power to stop this terrible genocide that is happening in full view of the world.

“Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted, the indifference of those who should have known better; the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most; that has made it possible for evil to triumph.”



**Haile Selassie
Emperor of Ethiopia**



“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor.”

- Desmond Tutu